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FLOOR DEBATE

January 23, 2001 LB 67, 247

Bromm, to close. Senator Bromm waives closing. The question before the body is advancement of LB 247 to E & R Initial. All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted who care to? Record, please, Mr. Clerk.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 34 ayes, 0 nays on the motion to advance the bill.

SENATOR CUDABACK: LB 247 does advance to E & R Initial. Mr. Clerk, LB 67.

ASSISTANT CLERK: LB 67 was introduced by Senator Kristensen. (Read title.) The bill was read for the first time on January 4th, referred to the Government Committee. That committee reports the bill to General File with no committee amendments.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Kristensen, to open on LB 67.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the Legislature. This bill, I will offer no excuses for it or other agendas other than it is a direct reflection and a result and a reaction from what occurred this fall with the presidential election and, in particular, the Florida presidential election experience. I don't believe there's any state in the country who would have wanted the spotlight placed on their election process that Florida had put on theirs. Certainly, at times, that was a disgraceful civics lesson--behavior of individuals, supporters on both sides, the national media certainly should be included. But what has occurred as a result of the Florida experience is occurring in almost every state legislature across the country and in some of our national organizations, and that is a call to begin to study the election process before the next time. That's what LB 67 does. There are a number of election bills that are in the hopper this year, some that we'll debate sooner, others that we may not get a chance to look at at all, and my suggestion would be, before we jump into any conclusions, that we should take a chance and survey what our election process is, what our methods for contest, for recall, for challenging votes, what those definitions of votes are. We should look at how we vote and to take a survey of those. Why